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REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to Examiner Kenneth R. Coulter for the courtesies extended to attorney James Milton during a telephone conversation on January 18, 2008. The telephone conversation involved a discussion of the rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Examiner Coulter acknowledged that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claim 20 had been addressed in a prior amendment dated October 16, 2007. Examiner Coulter agreed to review the amendments to applicants' specification submitted in the prior amendment.

Claims 1-23 and 25 are pending in the application. Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-19, 21-23 and 25 were allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-19, 21-23 and 25 are allowable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action states that claim 20 is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection. This is because applicants amended the specification in a prior amendment dated October 16, 2007 to delete page 15, lines 19-22. Also, instances of the term "computer-readable signal bearing medium" were changed to the term "computer-readable medium" and instances of the term "computer-readable signal bearing media" were changed to the term "computer-readable media". Thus, claim 20 is statutory subject matter.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted

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